

Written Testimony of:
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Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello and members of the Energy and Technology Committee, thank you for this opportunity to address you regarding S.B. 415 Sec. 48.

I am firmly in support of Raised Bill No. 415 *An act concerning the operations of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, the establishment of a commercial property assessed clean energy program, water conservation and the operations of the clean energy finance and investment authority.*

Section 48 is of particular concern to the City of Torrington. We are in the process of developing a solar field on a capped landfill. We feel this project is a great way to reuse this property and we welcome and support the legislation to make virtual net metering a reality and look forward to taking part in this innovative endeavor.

Moving forward, the City would like to see a change in wording in Sec. 48 as follows:

Line (2) "Customer host" means an in-state retail end user of an electric distribution company that owns, *leases, or contracts with a third party that owns* a virtual net metering facility and participates in virtual net metering.

Line (4) "Virtual net metering credit means the process of combining the electric meter readings and billings, including any virtual net metering credits, for a customer host *or governmental customer host* and a beneficial account through an electric distribution company billing process related solely to the generation service charges on such billings.

The City of Torrington appreciates and values your commitment to renewable energy and is excited about taking part in virtual net metering.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ryan J. Bingham
Mayor